IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1522 OF 2006

Harischandra Savalaram Choumal ....Applicant.

V/s

1. The Divisional Forest
Officer and anr. ....Respondents.

Mr. M. Khan for the applicant.
Ms. S.D. Shinde, APP for the State.

CORAM: V.M. KANADE, J.
DATE: 27th April 2006

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1. Heard the learned Counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant has filed this application seeking anticipatory bail since he has an apprehension that he is likely to be arrested in connection with the offence punishable under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

3. The learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant submitted that the applicant is suffering from various ailments and is not, in any way, concerned and connected with the snake skin which was recovered by the respondent. It is submitted that the applicant has visited the office of the respondent No.1 on number of occasions and no material has been

found.

4. The learned APP for the State, on the other hand, has opposed this application and has submitted that there is sufficient material to indicate the involvement of the present applicant.

5. Considering the nature of allegations which are made against the applicant, in my view, this is not a fit case for grant of an anticipatory bail. The application for anticipatory bail is, therefore, rejected. However, the applicant has liberty to apply for regular bail.

6. The applicant to surrender within seven days from today before the appropriate court or police or respondent No.1.

7. The applicant is also at liberty to file an application for bail on medical ground which shall be considered, if filed, on merits.

8. Application is accordingly disposed of.

V.M. KANADE, J.